Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold-embossed paper certificate bearing the official signature of the President of the United States. It honors the memory of a deceased honorably discharged Veteran and expresses the country's grateful recognition of his or her service in the Armed Forces.

HISTORY

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by each subsequent President.

ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program through the National Cemetery Administration.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible recipients include the deceased Veteran's next of kin, relatives and friends, or an authorized service representative acting on their behalf.
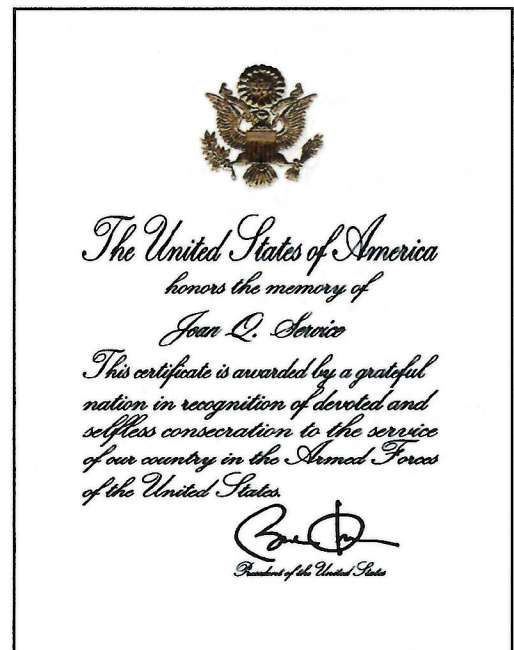
REQUESTS

A copy of the deceased Veteran's military discharge document along with a copy of the death certificate must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office, by U.S. mail or by toll-free fax.

A request form is available on the National Cemetery Administration website, www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp.

By Mail:
Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

By Toll-Free Fax:
(800) 455-7143

To check on the status of a request that is more than 16 weeks old call (202) 565-4964.

** **A copy of the request form
is available on the next page.**

VA Department of Veterans Affairs	PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

RESPONDENT BURDEN: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average two minutes per response. Statutory authority for the Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) Program is 38 U.S.C. 112. The information requested is approved under OMB Control Number 2900-0567, and is necessary to allow eligible recipients (next of kin, other relatives or friends) to request additional certificates and/or replacement or correct certificates on receipt of the original PMC.

The National Cemetery Administration does not give, sell or transfer any personal information outside of the agency. VA may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Responding to this collection is voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to VA Clearance Officer (005G2), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. **SEND COMMENTS ONLY.** *Please do not send applications for benefits to this address.*

INSTRUCTIONS: When inserting the veterans name below, **DO NOT** include nickname, military rank, or civilian title. Complete a new VA Form 40-0247 for each additional name and/or mailing address.

NAME OF VETERAN	NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES REQUESTED	HOME OR WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER *(Include area code and do not insert spaces between numbers)*	

CERTIFICATION: I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offense that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense for which he or she was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment.

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties, which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false or for the fraudulent acceptance of any benefit to which you are not entitled.

SIGNATURE OF REQUESTOR

MILITARY DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED WITH THIS FORM. PLEASE SEND THE DOCUMENTS AND SIGNED FORM TO:

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Or

Fax To: 1 (800) 455-7143

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